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CQ WPX SSB Contest

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DX News

CY0S Sable Island -update March 24 by Larry W0PR

Current weather on Sable today is not friendly. Wind in the mid 30mph, with precipitation from time to time and high temperature of 34F. The storm last night damaged their 6m beam, and will be fixed when things calm down. Video shows Murray, WA4DAN, replacing a bad balun on the A3. Note the windsock in the video. <https://www.dx-world.net/cy0s-sable-island-dxpedition-2026/>



T31TTT Kanton Island -update March 23

Team expect to arrive Kanton around March 26 / 27. On the way they will be stopping off at ZK3 (Tokelau) and KH8/S (Swains) to drop off some items for the islanders. No radio activity will take place from those entities.

RI1FJL -update by Vasily R7AL

First of all, thank you very much for your donations for the RI1FJL DXpedition to Frans Josef Land. We really appreciate your support!

Sadly, our PayPal button for donations had the wrong settings (it was set as the button for sellers but not as a Donate button). This means your donations are "pending" and will be returned (if not already returned) to your account finally after 30 days.

We are really sorry for this inconvenience! Now we placed our old proven button to the website which 100% works OK for donations.

So if you will get your donation back, can you please resend it using new button on the website. Thank you very much in advance!

9G5CC, 9G5RR and 9G5ZP cancelled

Unfortunately, we received word from Silvano, I2YSB that the Italian DXpedition Team announce the cancellation of their Ghana / AF-084 DXpedition which was scheduled for early April. All donations will be refunded to sponsors.

~~**AF-084 Abokwa Isl**~~ Silvano I2YSB let us know that the Italian DXpedition Team will be active from Abokwa Island (AF-084), Ghana, during the first half of April as 9G5CC, 9G5RR and 9G5ZP. The setup is a 21Mhz VDA, an Elecraft K3 and KPA500 amp with a 3KW generator. Planned frequencies are 21.043 CW, 21.260 SSB, FT8 will start on 21.096.

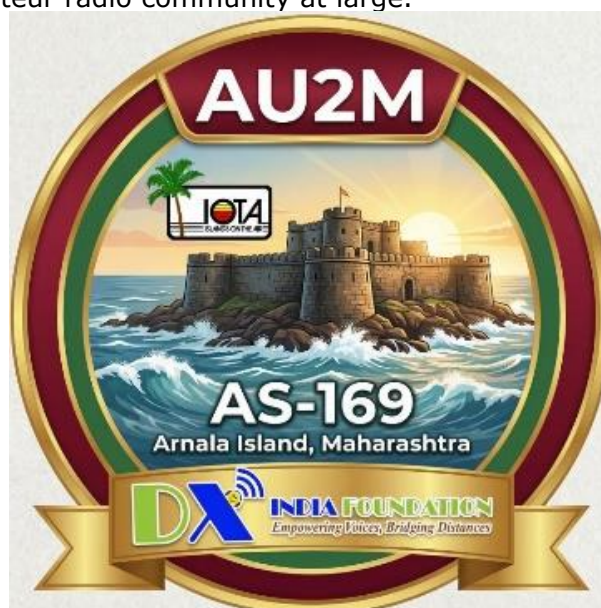
AU2M Arnala Isl AS-169 -update

The DX India Foundation is pleased to announce the upcoming Arnala IOTA Activation (AS-169), scheduled for May 1-3, 2026. This location currently holds a 17% "most wanted" status, and after last year's unfortunate cancellation due to weather, our team is eager to return to the air.

We are preparing a robust three-station setup operating SSB, FT8, and CW modes across the 40M-10M bands. To ensure a successful activation, we are seeking support to help fund essential equipment, specifically band pass filters and additional radios. Your contributions will not only support the Arnala activation but will also aid our future efforts for upcoming IOTA projects and the VU4 DXpedition.

If you are able to assist, donations can be made via PayPal to info@sreetek.com. For more information regarding the activation and our technical setup, please visit our [website](#).

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to last year's donors, as well as Spiderbeam and DX Commander, for their ongoing encouragement. Your support is vital to the success of these operations and to the amateur radio community at large.

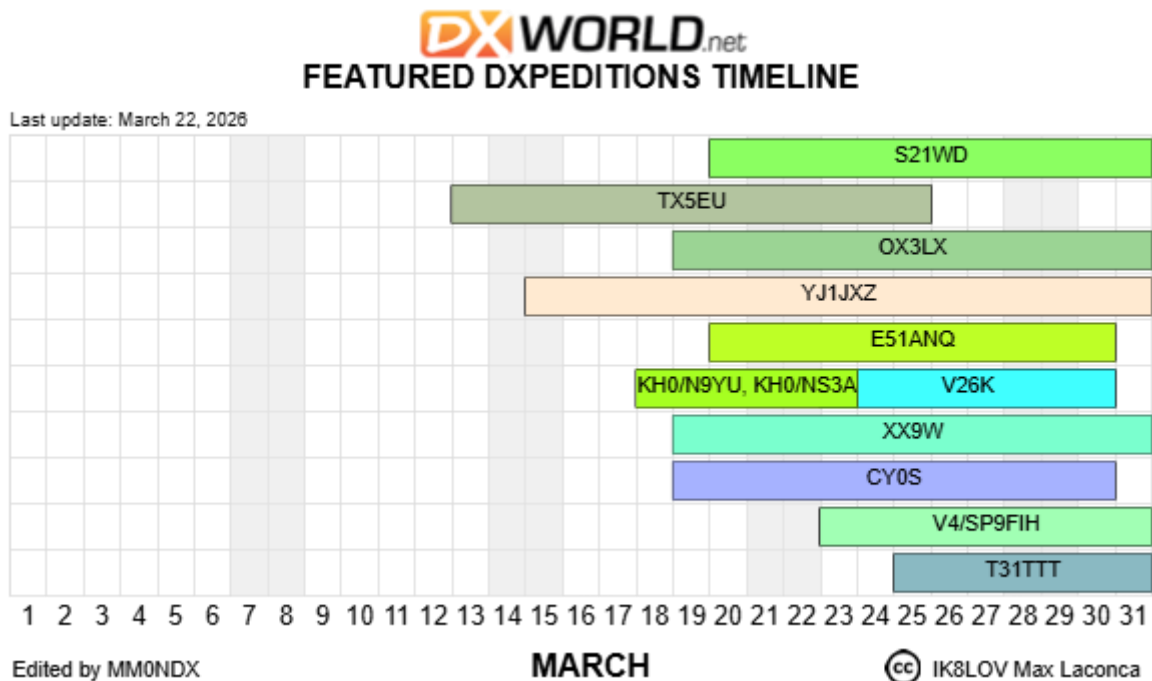


TX5EU Austral Island -now QRT

In the evening, around 6pm our local time (i.e. March 25th around 5 am GMT) we finally went QRT. Despite all the weather-related limitations with our antennas, we accumulated a satisfactory 59K QSOs. Tomorrow morning (local) we will leave our QTH early and head back to the airport, starting our long travels back home.



DXCC timeline



DXCC

This week on air

3B8, MAURITIUS Suvarna VU3OPT is operating as 3B8G until end March. Operation on HF using CW. <https://www.9n7ga.com>

4S, SRI LANKA Andrey, R8WX is QRV in 'holiday-style' until March 27. Operation from 80 to 10 metres using mainly CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW or home call.

4S, SRI LANKA Peter, DC0KK is once again active as 4S7KKG until end March. Activity from 60 to 6 metres using FT8 and QO-100. QSL via home call, LoTW, OQRS.

5X, UGANDA Andy, 5Z4VJ will be operating as 5X2VJ during March 27-31 from Kampala. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via LoTW or M0URX.

9J, ZAMBIA The Ribbeties EME Team (PA3CMC, ZS4TX (9J2TX) and ZS6JON) will be active as 9J2EME between March 28 and April 1. This will be an EME operation on 6m, 2m, 70cm and 23cm, using Q65, JT65 and CW upon request. QSL via PA3CMC.

9J, ZAMBIA Robert, DM7XX is QRV as 9J2RO until March 30. Operation on HF on various bands. QSL via OQRS.

A2, BOTSWANA Bernie, ZS4TX will be active as A21TX on March 26-27, this before his 9J2EME activation. QSL via LoTW.

C6, BAHAMAS Brian, AD8FD is operating as C6AFD from Eleuthera Island until March 31. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using SSB and FT8. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via LoTW. <https://ad8fd.com/dxpeditons/eleuthera-2026/>

C6, BAHAMAS Paul, WA4PAW is QRV from Treasure Cay as C6APS until April 12. Activity from 20 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/C6APS>

CE0, EASTER ISL Markus, DJ4EL will be operating in 'holiday-style' as CE0Y/DJ4EL during March 28 and April 11. Operation using mainly SSB. QSL via LoTW.

CT3, MADEIRA Helmut, DF7EE is once again active as CT9/call until April 1. QSL via OQRS Club Log.

CT3, MADEIRA S53R, S53WW, S53ZO, S55OO, E70A and team leader S53K are active until March 31. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest as CR3A. QRV as CT9/homecalls before & after the contest.

On the scene...C6AFD Bahamas



CY0, SABLE ISL The CY0S Dxpediton Team is once again active until March 30/31, 2026. "As we have done in the past, we will personally transport all of the gear to Halifax, Nova Scotia shortly before the DXpediton", they say. "We have been informed by Sable Aviation that the cost of the flights to the island have significantly increased since 2023. Fund raising has now officially begun for the CY0S DXpediton" <https://t-rexsoftware.com/cy0s/>

D4, CAPE VERDE Frank, DL1IL will be active in 'holiday-style' end March until mid-April as D41IL. Operation using CW with 10W. QSL via home call bureau.

FG, GUADELOUPE Stefan, HB9JAB is active again as FG/HB9JAB until March 27. QRV from both Grande-Terre and Base-Terre during his stay. He runs an FT-891 and a wire antenna covering 20-

10m using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

FG, GUADELOUPE Herve, F5HRY is once again active as FG/call until begin April. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. [Hervé BIRAUD \(@F5HRY\) / X](#)

FH, MAYOTTE Ivan, UR9IDX is operating as FH/call until March 20.

FM, MARTINIQUE Miguel, EA1BP is QRV as FM/call in 'holiday-style' until April 2. An entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB contest is included as TO7O. QSL via OQRS, LoTW or home call.

H4, SOLOMON ISL Bernard (DL2GAC) is once again QRV as H44MS from Manakwai village until April 10. Operation from 80 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

HR, HONDURAS Look for KN2P, N7VZ and W7UM as HQ9X from Roatan NA-057 until March 31. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included as HQ9X. Outside of contest as homecalls/HR9. QRV on 160-10m (no WARC bands); CW, SSB & FT8. QSLs via LoTW including HQ9X.

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Take, JG8NQJ is once again active as call/JD1 until mid-May during his spare time. Mostly using CW and FT8. QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.

OX, GREENLAND Bo, OZ1DJJ is again QRV as OX3LX until March 30. He plans activity on HF bands. This is a work trip so only active when time permits. QSL via OZ0J.

PJ2, CURACAO Thaire, W2APF is QRV as PJ2/call until March 31. Activity from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8 with a Elecraft K5D and a Buddipole, DX Commander for 40 and 30 and a doublet for 80. QSL via home call, LoTW.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Tom, AA9A is once again operating as PJ7AA until April 4. Activity from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in some contests is included. QSL via LoTW, home call, Club Log.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Ken, KJ9B will be active in 'holiday-style' as PJ7KB from March 28 until April 4. Activity from 20 to 10 metres using SSB and digi. QSL via OQRS, LoTW or home call.

S2, BANGLADESH The Next Generation DX Club is active until April 1. The team sign as S21WD from 160 to 10 metres and satellites. During the activity period, we also intend to participate in the CQ WPX SSB Contest in a Multi-Operator category, operating as S21WD. <https://next-generation-dx.com/s2/>

T31, KANTON ISL Look for T31TTT, see full details <https://www.dx-world.net/t31ttt-kanton-island/>

On the scene...XX9W Macao



T8, PALAU Ken, JP1RIW is QRV as T88KH until March 30. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via BM2JCC or OQRS.

TL, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Joao, CR7BNW is operating as TL8BNW until June. Activity on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres using SSB and FT8 with a dipole.

TY, BENIN Red, DL1BUG is once again active as TY5FR until April 5. Operation from 80 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via home call direct.

TY, BENIN Gerard, F5NVF is operating from Godomey as TY5GG until April. QRV on various bands using CW and FT8 from 80 to 10 metres. QSL via LoTW.

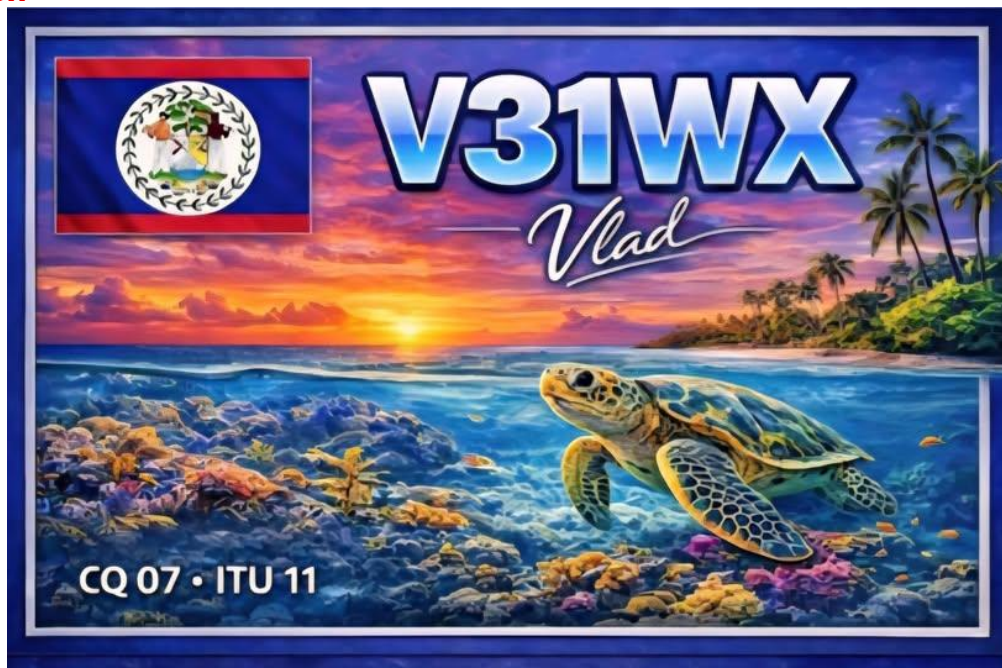
V2, ANTIGUA Bud, AA3B is again active as V26K until March 30. An entry in the CQWPX SSB contest is included. Operation from 80 to 10 metres using mainly CW. QSL via home call, LoTW and OQRS.

V3, BELIZE Mike, VE2XB is operating from Ambergris Caye as V31ZY until March 27. Activity from 40 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via homecall direct.

V3, BELIZE Uwe, DL8UD is once again operating as V31KO / V3O during March. Operation from 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via EA5G.

V4, ST KITTS Randy, K5ZD is active until April 1. Participation in the CQ WPX SSB contest as V47T - outside of the contest he will sign V4/K5ZD. QRV on 80-10m; CW & SSB. V47T via W2RQ. V4/K5ZD via LoTW.

QSL preview



V4, ST KITTS Janusz, SP9FIH is QRV as V4/call until April 18. Operation from 30 to 6 metres using SSB, FT4/8. An entry in contests is included as V47K. QSL via OQRS, LoTW.

VK9C, COCOS KEELING Mark, VK6BSA and Deena, VK6DEE are now based on Cocos (Keeling) Islands for a work assignment until May, possibly longer. During free time they will QRV as VK9BSA and VK9DEE on most bands using a FTDX-10 & amplifier.

VP9, BERMUDA Mark, AA1AC is operating as VP9/call until March 29 from Hamilton Parish. Operation on HF. QSL via home call, LoTW.

XX9, MACAO A large team is active as XX9W until March 31. Activity on HF and 6 metres. Team members are EA1CJ, EA1SA, EA5BCQ, EA5KA, EA5KM, EA7KE, EA7R, EA7X, F2JD, F8ATS, F8GGV, JH4RHF, IK5RUN and IN3ZNR. <https://www.dxfriends.com/xx9w/>

YJ, VANUATU Aki, JK1JXZ is operating as YJ1JXZ until April 3. Operation from 80 to 6 metres after 17h local time during weekdays, the weekends all day long.

YJ, VANUATU Chris, VK2YUS is again active from Port Vila, Efate Island, Vanuatu as YJ0CA until April 2. QRV on SSB only. Operating hours expected to be mostly between 2100z and 1000z. He uses a 1/4 wave vertical with elevated radials for 40m, and various dipoles & verticals for other bands. QSL via H/c, no LoTW.

Z8, SOUTH SUDAN Once again, Diya YI1DZ is active as Z81D, his UN-WFP contract runs until March 30. Activity from 40 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8. Perhaps some 60 and 80 metres. QSL via OM3JW, LoTW.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Kevin, W1DED is operating until March 31 as ZF2KT. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via LoTW.

Coming up soon

3B9, RODRIGUES ISL Suvarna, VU3OPT will be operating as 3B9N after the 3B8 activation during April 3 and May 20. <https://www.9n7ga.com>

IOTA

This week on air

ASIA

AS-079 Miyako Isl Take, JI3DST is active again as JS6RRR until April 17. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. Take is also using JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6, JI3DST/P and JJ5RBH/P. QSO's are uploaded to Club Log and LoTW.

EUROPE

EU-127 Helgoland Isl A large team is QRV as DA0HEL until April 3, now and then as DL0IH from nearby Helgoland Duene. Activity from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via bureau or direct.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-008 Ellesmere Isl Pierre, VK3KTB is operating again as VY0ERC until April 1. Operation on various bands using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via M0OXO OQRS and LoTW.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

5H, TANZANIA Chas, NK8O will once again be operating as 5H3DX between June 8 and July 2. Operation from 30 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via NK8O, LoTW or OQRS.

7P, LESOTHO Paolo IZ0EVI, Diego IZ0EWJ and Luca IZ6DSQ will be operating as 7P8WR from April 23 until May 1. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using SSB and FT8. QSL via IZ0AWJ, more to follow.

A3, TONGA Takio, JH3QFL will be operating from Nuku'alofa as A31AA between May 13 and May 22. QRV from 80 to 6 metres using FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

Z6, KOSOVO With full details to follow, Z66SP is going to be a Polish DXpedition to Kosovo in April 2026. QTH: Grashtice, near Pristina, Republic of Kosovo. QSL via SP2ZIE. QRX for more..

THE REMINDERS

3A, MONACO Col MM0NDX and Steve MM0SAJ will once again QRV as 3A/MM0NDX and 3A/MM0SAJ sometime 2026. QRV on various bands and modes. Main focus on low bands in their evenings. QSL both calls to EB7DX (LoTW also).

4K, AZERBAIJAN Jan, DL4XT will be back as 4K/DL4XT this summer for 2 weeks. More to follow. [Youth Contest Team](#)

5H, TANZANIA Kasimir, DL2SBY will again be operating as 5H1KB between June 3 and June 12. Focus on 6 metres during his trip. QSL via home call and LoTW.

9N, NEPAL Jan, DL4XT mentions: *'Activity planned in summer 2026! This is my biggest DXpedition planned so far. I got a verbal agreement on the callsign 9N7XT, but this isn't confirmed yet, so it might still change.'* Operation from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8 with a FT-891 100W. <https://yct.janlabs.de/dx/nepal2026>

9Q, D.R. of CONGO The Mediterranean DX Club will be active as 9T0MD between September 30 and October 11. The 9T prefix has never been used before. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and digi. Also on QO-100 and EME. More to follow.

9Y, TRINIDAD Look for 9Y4I during the ARRL 160 Meter CW Contest. Caribbean Top Band CW signals are limited — listen carefully for 9Y4I during peak low-band windows.

C5, THE GAMBIA Arnaud F4AGG and Kuc F5RAV will be active as C5B, C5C and C5D between April

25 and May 8. C5B from Bijolo AF-06 with SAT activity, C5C using CW and SSB and C5D from the mainland using RTTY, PSK and FT8. QSL via F5RAV direct, LoTW.

C6, BAHAMAS Eric, K9GY will be operating as C6AYM between August 5-10. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW. An entry in the WAE CW contest is included. QSL via LoTW.

C8, MOZAMBIQUE The Czech DX Team will be active as C8K during September/October 2026. Operation from 160 to 6 meter and QO-100, RS-44, IO-117 using CW, SSB and digi. Club Log live stream if possible. QSL via OK6DJ OQRS, LoTW. Antennas: 6m 5el. YAGI, 10m 4el. Yagi, 10-15-20 incl WARC 3 x Spiderbeam, 17/15/12m 2el. YAGI, 2x 30m phased verticals, 2x40m phased verticals, 80m vertical + 10 pcs radials, 160 vertical + 10pcs radials RX: 3x Beverage + RX vertical Focus on low bands.

On the scene...XX9W Macao



E5, COOK ISL Steve ZL2KE and Steve ZL4CZ will once again be active as E51CZZ and E51KEE between July 22 and August 14 for E51KEE (CW, SSB) and E51CZZ (SSB) between July 26 and August 6. QRV from Rarotonga. QSL via IK2DUW.

E6, NIUE Gavin, ZL3GAV will be active as E6SP during July. Operation on HF using CW, SSB, SSTV, digi and Satellite. More to follow.

E6, NIUE Tom, KC0W will be operating as E6CW sometime 2026. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using CW only. More to follow.

FM, MARTINIQUE Darrell, AB2E will be operating as TO3E between May 26 and June 2. An entry in the CQWPX CW contest is included. Before and after the contest he will focus on WARC and low bands using mostly CW with some FT8 and RTTY. QSL via LoTW or direct via home call.

FO, MARQUESAS ISL A team of 6 operators (K5WE, W5CCP, N5TEA, K4VBM, WD5COV and F6BCW) will be active as TX9W from April 19 until April 30. Activity with 6 stations from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and digi. Depending upon a reliable internet connection, logs will be uploaded to Club Log daily and Club Log Livestream will be active. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW shortly after returning home. <https://k5we.com/tx9w/>

FO, MARQUESAS ISL Chunkhi, VA7YM will be on a circumnavigation trip and the first stop is Marquesas. Operation as FO/call sometime July. More on QRZ.com.

FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON Eric, KV1J will once again (18th tour) be active as FP/call, this for the 18th time. Activity between June 27 and July 13 with an entry in the IARU HF Contest.

[FP/KV1J July 2026](#)

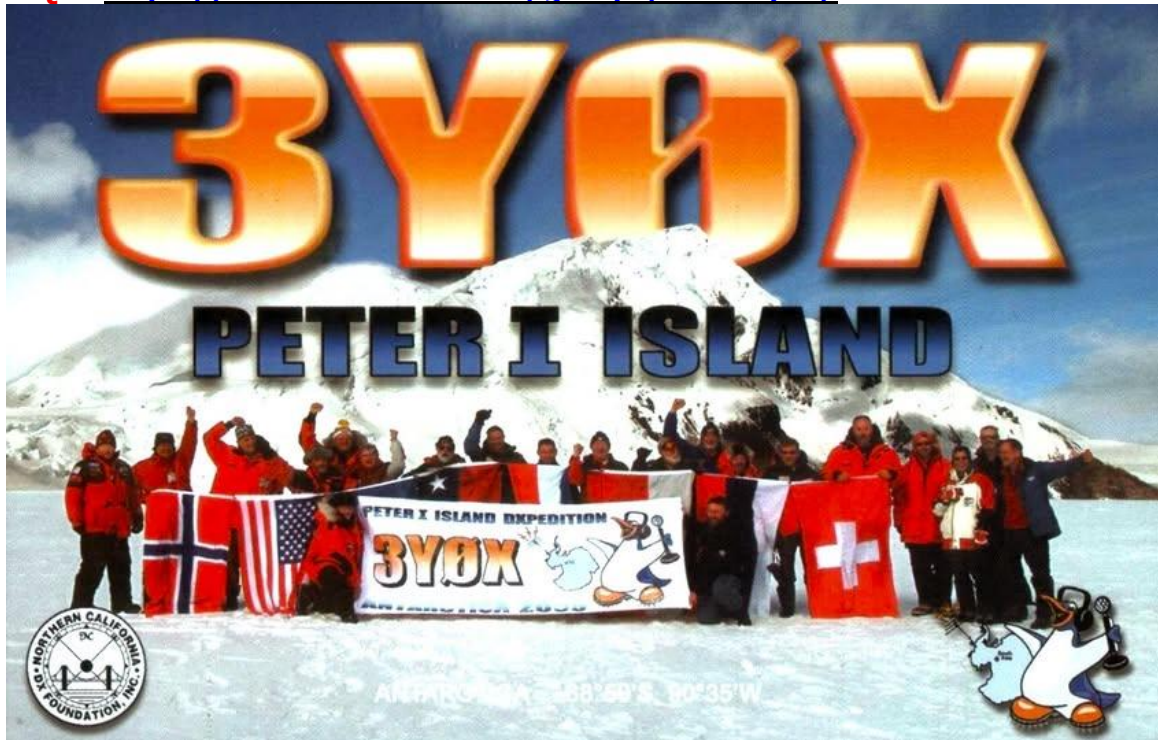
HK0, MALPELO Last active in 2012 (by HK0NA who still maintain the 2nd highest ever QSO count for a Dxpedition), the Colombian League of Radio Amateurs (HK3LR) and its Board of Directors has announced its main goal – to stage a Dxpedition to Malpelo island, SA-007. It is hoped for a February 2026 activity, but this is not yet confirmed. Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks..

PJ2, CURACAO Frank, PH2M will again be active as PJ2/PH2M during June 12-29. QRV holiday-style on 60-6m, mainly FT8, some SSB. QSL via buro, direct, LoTW.

PJ4, BONAIRE Chris, WA7RAR will be active as PJ4CB during his spare time between May 27 and

June 8. Look for Chris from 20 to 10 meter using SSB and CW. Perhaps 10 metre FM simplex depending conditions. QSL via home call direct only.

Land of QSL <https://www.facebook.com/groups/landofqsls/>



R1/F, FRANZ JOSEF LAND After two years of planning the RUDXT are proud to announce a DXpedition to the northernmost DXCC in the world – Franz Josef Land. Team of 6 operators will be active from Heiss island (FJL) during 15 days in late August-early September 2026.

<https://www.rudxt.org/ri1fjl>

S9, SAO TOME Francisco, CT7AKS will be active as S9R between October 17 and October 31. More to follow.

T8, PALAU A team with Masu JA3AVO, Mune JI3DNN, Kuni JA1CJA, Jusei JA3IVU and Shozo JA3HJI plan (tentatively) activity from the VIP Guest Hotel, Koror, Palau during October 21-29, 2026. QRV on various bands and modes as: T88MB (JA3AVO), T88CZ (JI3DNN), T88DK (JA1CJA), T88ED (JA3IVU) and as T88DN (JA3HJI).

T8, PALAU Yas, JA6UBY will be operating as T88RR from June 10 until June 18, 2026. Activity from 160 to 6 metres using SSB, FT4/8. QSL via LoTW or home call.

T8, PALAU Nobu, JA0JHQ will once again be active as T88PB during June 19-22, 2026. An entry in the All Asian DX CW contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS Markus, WW6W will be back as V4/call between May 24 and June 1, 2026. An entry in the CQWW WPX CW contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

V4, ST KITTS Roger, EI8KN will be operating as V49B from Basseterre between May 13-21. QRV in 'holiday-style' on HF. QSL via LoTW, OQRS or direct via home call.

V5, NAMIBIA Hanspeter, HB9BFM will be QRV as V5/call during August 26 to September 20, 2026. QRV from different locations between 16-19 UTC in Olivia 8/250 at 14072.000kHz.

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS Nobby, G0JVG will be operating as VP5G during June 17-30. Operation on HF and 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT4/8. An entry in the IOTA contest is included. QSL via M0OXO.

VP8, SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND Amateur Radio DXpeditions (ARDX) is proud to announce plans for a groundbreaking DXpedition to South Georgia Island, set to take place in March 2027.

Operating under the allocated callsign VP0SG, this ambitious activation will target one of the rarest and most logistically challenging DXCC entities, well ranked on top of the Club Log's Most Wanted List, with particularly high demand in some areas of the world.

<https://www.ardxpeditons.com/dxpeditons/vp0sg>

VP9, BERMUDA Paul, VP9KF will be active from Baileys Bay with only a focus on JA and Far East on all bands. An entry in the CQMM contest is included. QSL via home call. <https://vp9kf.com/>

VU4, ANDAMAN ISL The World DXpedition team will be operating during November 2027 from 3 POTA locations. A team with 11 operators Dave WJ2O, K1NZ Nick Maslon; K2SAV, William "Savo" Savacool; K1ZM, Jeff Briggs; N1QV, Miriam Briggs; W0ZB, Steve Keithahn; K3PT, Kyle Snavelly; KD0IVB, Emily Snavelly; K1LZ, Krassy Petkov; VU2RS, Sarath Rayaprollu; and N4VGE, Van Herridge Organizer. Team support members are XYL Judi Savacool and XYL Vicki Herridge is QRV with 5 stations 24/7. [Andaman - World DXpeditions](#)

On the scene...V4/SP9FIH St Kitts



ZK3, TOKELAU The Perseverance DX Group will be QRV from Tokelau. The permission for entering the island is already OK. Plan is to be active in November 2026. Team members include: Rob N7QT, Gene K5GS, Steve W1SRD, Glenn KE4KY, Dave K3EL, Dave WD5COV, Robin WA7CPA, Brian N9ADG, Jackie ZL3CW, Francesco IK0FVC, Laci HA0NAR, Violetta KN2P and Jack N7JP. More to follow.

On the scene...XX9W Satellite



IOTA

THE NEWCOMERS

AFRICA

AF-051 Rooma Isl Elvira, IV3FSG will be operating as 3XFSG between April 11 and April 25. Operation on HF using all modes with 2 low power stations and verticals. More to follow.

THE REMINDERS

ASIA

AS-127 Kutubdia Isl Look for team S21DX sometime 2026. They plan to operate for at least 18 hours a day depending generator and the number of team members. Team for now is S21YLJ, S21AM, S21RC, S21FIA and S21RED. Activity from 160 to 10 metres using SSB, FT8 and QO-100. QSL via EB7DX, LoTW.

AS-169 Arnala Isl The AU2M operation from Arnala Island (cancelled last year) has been rescheduled for May 1-3. This IOTA group was activated back 2004 and 2006, and has been silent ever since. More information is expected in due course.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-178 California State Centre (Sonoma to Santa Cruz County) group

NA-187 California State Centre (Monterey / San Luis Obispo County) group

Rick, K6VVA has plans to activate these islands sometime in the 3rd quarter of 2026. More to follow.

OCEANIA

OC-066 Rangiroa Atoll Haru, JA1XGI will be operating as TX9XG (dates to follow). Activity from 40 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and digi with an IC-7300MK2 and multiband antennas. QSL via home call, OQRS.

OC-095 Lakeba Isl Jacek, SP5APW will conduct a solo Dxpedition as 3D2JK between April 17 and April 22. QRV on the higher bands and 6 metre using primarily FT8.

Lakeba Island is the rarest IOTA reference in Fiji belonging to the top 10% of the world-wide most wanted references. The last activation of OC-095 was carried out over 20 years ago, in 2004 and currently this reference is in demand by 87% of the IOTA chasers.

OC-165 Talang-Talang Besar A large team with 12 operators will be active as 9M8T sometime April/May 2026. More to follow.

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-019 Abrolhos Isl Renato, PY8WW informs: *we are currently coordinating with the Brazilian Navy, there is a strong possibility that a Brazilian team will be active from Abrolhos Island, SA-019, later this year, possibly in November. More details regarding callsigns, bands, and modes will be shared as soon as the plans are finalized. Stay tuned for updates, and we hope to work many of you from this beautiful IOTA location!*

SA-093 Tutumate Isl Renato, PY8WW will be operating as HK4/call on May 9-15. "CW and SSB remain my main focus", he says, with FT8 as "just a tool for those difficult moments when propagation doesn't cooperate". More information is expected in due course. This IOTA group was activated only once, by HK3JJH/4 back in 2002.

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On the scene...CY0S Sable Island



Antarctic base

Casey Station

Tom, VK2TBC is based at Casey Station, Antarctica and plans to be operational as **VK0TBC** until December. He is running with a Flex-8400 and DX Commander plus other wire antennas. QRV when time permits on SSB & FT8. — Casey Station [webcam](#)

March 11: 'I have now finished setting up the station in its most basic mode. I am on the air mostly on 20m on FT8 for the moment and will be on SSB in the coming days. I will be operating on UTC +8 generally in the evenings and some weekends. I am logging on QRZ.com for now and if you would like a QSL card please look at the QSL page here for details.'

McMurdo Station, Ross Island by Andrew KC4/KL5SE

My 11th season to McMurdo Station, Antarctica. I'll be operating from there as **KC4USV** and as **KC4/KL5SE** from field camps nearby during the 2025-2026 Austral summer season.

So far activity has been from:

Keep an eye on Andrew's QRZ [page](#) for further updates.

Neumayer Station

New ham operator Lasse, DL9LU is active during the entire winter as DP0GVN until December 2026. QSL via OQRS.

Vostok base by Alex UG1A

A new callsign have been assigned to Alex for all operations during this season: RI1ANI.

Since 2007, Alex was very active from Progress and Vostok base, mostly in CW but also in SSB with many calls such as R1ANC, R1ANP, RI1ANC, RI1ANV, RI30ANT.

NOTE: Ridge B is one of the least studied areas in Antarctica but has been considered to be a potential location for the oldest ice on Earth. In January 2020, the first scientific traverse from Russia's Vostok Station to the topographical dome of Ridge B was carried out. Ridge B (Dome B) is 3807m above sea level, 79.02°S, 93.69°E).

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

F, FRANCE The radio club APRA Wingles (Pas de Calais) celebrates France's second female astronaut Sophie Adenot (KJ5LTN) with the callsign **TM62SA** until June. (TNX DXNL)

SV, GREECE Members of the Hellenic Naval Amateur Radio Club (HNARC) will be active as **SZ465CG** from 19 March to 18 April. They will operate CW, FT8/FT4 and some SSB on 80-10 metres, as well as via QO-100. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/SZ465CG> (TNX 425DX)

YO, ROMANIA **YR100RC** is the special callsign celebrating the centenary of Radioclubul Craiova (18 March 1926), Romania's first amateur radio club. Look for activity between 16 March and 30 September. A certificate will be available on <https://hamlog.online/club/romania/1786/>. (TNX 425DX)

YO, ROMANIA The predecessor of the current Federatia Romana de Radioamatorism (FRR) was the Asociatia Amatorilor Romani de Unde Scurte (Romanian Shortwave Amateurs Association), which was founded on 1 March 1936 and adopted the prefix YR5 for Romanian radio amateurs. Commemorating the 90th anniversary of the first national amateur radio organization, the special event callsign **YO90YR5** will be active from 15 to 31 March. See <https://www.hamradio.ro/diplome/start.php> (TNX 425DX)

THE REMINDERS

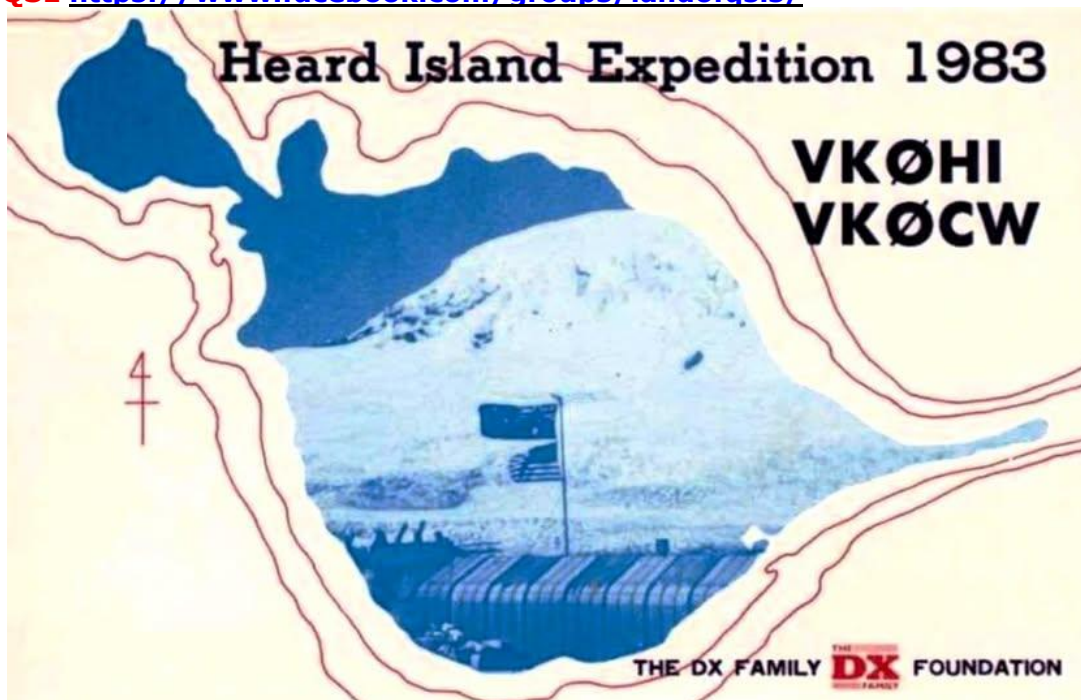
9A, CROATIA Throughout 2026, Tom, 9A2AA will use **9A69AA** to mark his 69 years of activity on the amateur radio bands. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA **9A10SOTA** is the special callsign celebrating ten years of SOTA Croatia. Look for activity until 30 September 2026. A certificate will be available for contacts made between 1 October and 31 December 2025, see <https://9aff.wordpress.com/> for information. QSL via LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA To celebrate their 15th anniversary, members of the Croatian Flora Fauna ARC (9A1WFF) are active as **9A44FF** and **9A44FF/p** until end 2026. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/9A44FF> for information about the Anniversary Award. (TNX 425DX)

CT, PORTUGAL The Rede dos Emissores Portugueses (REP) has announced an activity open to its members across Portugal during 2026. Using the special callsign **CT100REP** (including /p or /m), this year-long collective activity celebrates the 100th anniversary of the founding of the REP, Portugal's IARU society. Operation is planned across various HF, VHF, and UHF bands using multiple modes (SSB, CW, Digital) and satellites. (TNX 425DX)

Land of QSL <https://www.facebook.com/groups/landofqsl/>



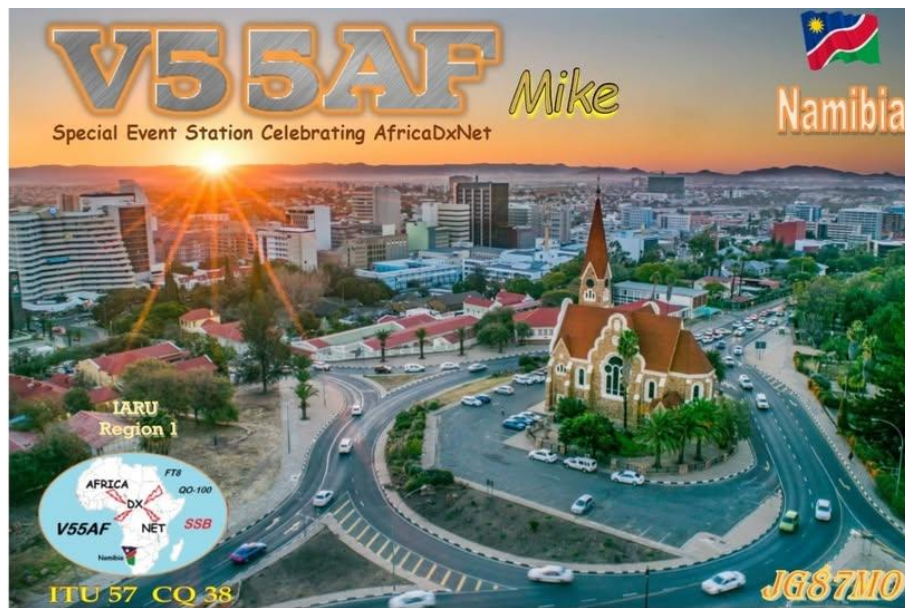
DL, GERMANY DA26WARD is the special callsign for the DARC Team SES to promote World Amateur Radio Day between 1 March and 30 April. QSL via LoTW, DK5ON, and DCL (DARC Community Logbook). WARD is celebrated annually on 18 April, the day when the IARU was formed in 1925. The theme for this year's WARD is "Advancing the Spirit of Amateur Radio Through Innovation. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY Celebrating a half-century of German research in Antarctica, special callsigns **DA0ANT**, **DM50ANT** and **DP50ANT** will be active from 15 February to 30 April. In addition, active on 1-30 April will also be **DM50GFS** (for the 50th anniversary of the Georg Forster Station, established by the GDR in 1976 and decommissioned in 1993), as well as **DP200GVN** (for the bicentenary of the birth of Georg von Neumayer, after whom three German Antarctic research stations have been named). See <https://50ant.hamaward.de/en/german-antarctic-research/> for complete information on the "50 Years of German Antarctic Research" award. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY During 2026, the following special event stations celebrate 100 years of the German aviation company Lufthansa: **DA100LH**, **DL100LH** and **DK100LH** (special DOK 100DLH). QSL via DK5ON (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY To commemorate the centenary of the first Kurzwellentagung - the landmark convention for German shortwave enthusiasts held in Jena on 16-17 January 1926 - the special callsign **DF100KWTJ** will be active between 1 January and 31 March. QSL via bureau. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY The special event stations **DA100TV** and **DL100TV** (special DOK 100TV) celebrate 10 years of television in Germany during 2026. QSL via DK5ON (d/B). (TNX DXNL)



DL, GERMANY The special callsign **DB100FT** will be active throughout 2026 to celebrate the centenary of the Berlin Radio Tower (Funkturn), one of the city's most iconic landmarks. The 150-metre-high steel lattice tower occupies a prominent place in the history of radio broadcasting in Germany, as it was used to broadcast transmissions starting in 1926. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY DARC Team SES will be active as **DL25WIKI** throughout 2026. The special callsign celebrates the 25th anniversary of Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, founded in January 2001: "the station reflects the spirit of free knowledge and international collaboration within the amateur radio community. Wikipedia and amateur radio share common values: openness, education, technical enthusiasm, and world-wide networking". QSL cards will be sent automatically via the bureau; QSOs will also be uploaded to LoTW and the DCL (DARC Community Logbook) (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY **DQ30GDXF** is the special callsign celebrating the 30th anniversary of the German DX Foundation (<https://www.gdxf.de/>) during 2026. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY To celebrate the Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games Milano Cortina 2026, the DARC Team SES will be active as **DD2026WPG** (1 March-1 April). QSLs via DK5ON, LoTW and

DCL (DARC Community Logbook) (TNX 425DX)

EA, SPAIN The Union de Radioaficionados de Vigo-Val Minor will hold a "Titanic Memorial" to pay a tribute to the radiomen who served during the ship's ill-fated maiden voyage. Look for **EG1912T** to be active on all bands and modes, with a special emphasis on telegraphy, from 10 April (the day the 'Titanic' set sail from Southampton) until 15 April (the day she sank off the coast of Newfoundland). All QSOs will be confirmed via the bureau, eQSL and LoTW; CW QSOs will be confirmed by a special QSL card. (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE The radio club Rambouillet F6KKR celebrates its 50th anniversary with the callsign **TM50KKR** from March until June (Saturdays only). (TNX DXNL)

G, ENGLAND **GB50PUNK** is a special callsign for David, G3SKA "and team" to use at various times during 2026 to celebrate 50 years of punk rock music. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and eQSL; QSL via the bureau or direct. Updates will be posted to <https://www.facebook.com/61585208894891>. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Throughout 2026, ARI Fidenza (IQ4FE), with the patronage and historical supervision of the Guglielmo Marconi Foundation, will use a series of special callsigns, each representing one of the "key figures who played a fundamental role in Marconi's personal and emotional, educational and cultural, academic, scientific and, finally, entrepreneurial development": II4AMRC (March), II4JDVS (April), II4ROSA (May), II4PRCE (June), II4JAFL (July), II4KEMP (August), II4PAGE (September), II4NTTI (October), II4GCLB (November), II4SLRI (December). QSL via LoTW, or direct only to IQ4FE. Complete information about the "Marconi Supporters" award: <http://www.arifidenza.it/> (TNX 425DX)

LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2026 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ488AM** (March and April), LZ370TL (May and June), LZ67PP (July and August), LZ936BA (September and October), LZ911TD (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2026 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/> (TNX 425DX)

LZ, BULGARIA **LZ75HSC** is the special callsign for Bulgarian HSC members to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Radio Telegraphy Highspeed Club (HSC) until the end of the year. QSL via LZ2JE. The club was founded in 1951 as a community within the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club (DARC). To date, membership has grown to include over 1,400 operators spanning every continent: <http://www.highspeedclub.org> (TNX 425DX)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Dutch special callsigns **PA26WAAD**, **PB26WAAD**, **PC26WAAD**, **PD26WAAD**, **PE26WAAD**, **PG26WAAD** and **PH26WAAD** will be in use between 20 March and 5 April for the World Autism Awareness Day. QSLs via NL10743, LoTW and eQSL. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/PA26WAAD> for the award. In 2007 the United Nations General Assembly declared 2 April as World Autism Awareness Day to highlight the need to help improve the quality of life of autistic individuals so they can lead full and meaningful lives as an integral part of society. (TNX 425DX)

SP, POLAND The Dobrzycki Amateur Radio Club (SP3PDO) will use twelve special callsigns during 2026 to honour as many different Polish saints: **SP1040SSZ** (March), **SP1865JML** (April), **SP1920KW** (May), **SP1373JA** (June), **SP1183JO** (July), **SP1905MFK** (August), **SP1373AB** (September), **SP1550SK** (October), **SP1234KK** (November) and **SP1835JK** (December). QSLs via SP3PDO. See <https://radioawards.club/ses/155> for the certificates. (TNX 425DX)

SV, GREECE **SZ40A** is the special callsign for the Radio Amateur Association of Western Greece (SZ1A) to celebrate "forty years of continuous presence, service, and contribution to amateur radio". Look for activity across multiple HF bands and modes from 1 March to 31 May. QSL via ON3UN. See <https://awards.sz1a.org> for the award programme. (TNX 425DX)

UR, UKRAINE **EM100W** and **EN100WLKK** are two special callsigns celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Lviv Shortwave Club, founded in 1926 as Lwowski Klub Krotkofalowcow (LKK). It was one of the largest European clubs before World War II. A commemorative certificate will be available, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/EM100W> for information. (TNX 425DX)

UR, UKRAINE To celebrate his 50th anniversary in amateur radio, Nick, US8AR will be active throughout 2026 using the special callsign **EM50AR**. Electronic QSL cards can be downloaded from <https://em50ar.pp.ua> (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA **AX120AAC** celebrates the 120th anniversary of the Australian Army Cadets (AAC) during 2026. (TNX DXNL)

YO, ROMANIA **YR1600VT** is the special callsign that members of Radio Club YO6KGS will be using until 31 March 2026 to popularize Via Transilvanica, the long-distance trail (1600 km) used for hiking, cycling and horse riding that crosses Romania. More information can be found on

<https://www.qrz.com/db/YR1600VT>. QSL via eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

YU, SERBIA To commemorate the 170th anniversary of Nikola Tesla's birth, members of the Amateur Radio Union of Serbia (YU0SRS) are active as **YT170TESLA** until end 2026. QSL via LoTW; paper QSL cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX)

YU, SERBIA The special event callsign **YU65AEC** celebrates the 65th anniversary of the first radio club in Odzaci throughout 2026. (TNX DXNL)

YU, SERBIA The radio club Mihajlo Pupin YU7BCD in Pancevo celebrates its 45th anniversary during 2026 with the callsign **YU45MJA**. QSL via LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND **ZL100C** is a special callsign celebrating the centenary of the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART), which was formed on 16 August 1926. The callsign is valid until 6 August 2026. QSL via the bureau and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND The New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART) was founded in Auckland in 1926. To celebrate their centenary, NZART members are encouraged to use the **ZM** prefix during the 2026 year; in addition, individual operators and NZART branches can apply to use special **ZL100** callsigns for a period of 1 to 3 months - e.g. Ian ZL1MVL and the Whangarei Amateur Radio Club (ZL1AM) will be using **ZL100MVL** and **ZL100AM**, respectively, until 31 March. (TNX 425DX)